



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

Application Serial No. 09/465,338

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Title: CHRONOTHERAPEUTIC FORMULATIONS OF
DILTIAZEM AND THE ADMINISTRATION THEREOF

Inventors: Kenneth Stephen Albert
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Due Date: November 4, 2001

Examiner: A. Pulliam

Group Art Unit: 1615

**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION
OF MAY 4, 2001
AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS**

October 31, 2001

The Commissioner of Patents
UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE
2011 South Clark Place
Crystal Plaza 2, Room 1B03
Arlington, Virginia U.S.A. 22202

Dear Sir:

Further to the telephone conversation between Examiner Pulliam and Marcelo Sarkis on October 31, 2001, the Examiner agrees to contact Applicant's Agent prior to issuing a further Official Action with regard to the above-mentioned matter.

In response to the Official Action dated May 4, 2001 and due for response August 4, 2001, Applicant encloses a Request for an Extension of Time of three months together with the fee of \$920.00 for a large entity. Therefore, this response is due **November 4, 2001**. If there should be an overpayment or underpayment, please credit or debit Account #08-3255 and please advise Applicant's Agent.

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